

FRANCE IS NOT PLEASED WITH WILSON'S NOTE

WILSON AND LANSING
CREATE A SENSATION

TICKET IS NAMED.

AN EIGHT HOUR DAY
IS GIVEN SWITCHMEN

In the City of Paris Which Still
Takes Precedence over
All War Talk.

REPROACHES BEING GIVEN

As the Wilson Note Makes No
Distinction in Reference to
Origin of the War.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's
note and the statement of Secretary
Lansing continue to be the sensations
of the day and take precedence over
everything else in the morning papers.
The president's action by no means
meets with favor among the comen-
tators, who only vary in the manner
of expressing their opinions.

The principal reproach is in the
words of Stephen Pichon, who, writing
in the Petit Journal, says:

"The note makes no distinction be-
tween the states who provoked the war
and those upon whom it was forced.
The belligerents, whoever they are,
see themselves treated in the same
manner by President Wilson. He does
not remember either the violation of
Belgian neutrality, the crimes of the
submarine warfare, or any of the
monstrous acts which revolted the
conscience of his compatriots and that
of the civilized war. Germany, its
victims, Belgium, Serbia or France, it
is all the same.

"We should be lacking in the first
of our duties in not holding it up as
an outrage to our honor and our dig-
nity."

Georges Clemenceau, former prem-
ier, in his newspaper, L'Homme En-
chaîné, says:

"The moral side of the war has es-
caped President Wilson. He puts on
the same formal veil of the belligerents
without asking for what reason each
of them is fighting. Falling to take
into consideration these imponderables
he believes himself just when he
speaks to all in the same terms. He
has not felt that the ends of the war
could not be understood in the same
way by both sides and consequently
it would seem almost blasphemous to
hear it said that the objects seem the
same on both sides."

Lincoln's answer to the French and
British offers to mediate between North
and South in 1863 is freely quoted and
analogies are freely drawn between
the situation then and now.

"What citizen of the United States
would blame us if we would answer
Wilson as Lincoln answered the medi-
ators then?" asked the Echo D' Paris.

The Matin says:
"The American note is certainly in-
spired by high sentiments. It is
doubtful whether it is opportune. It
comes at a moment when it is to every
interest of Germany to stop or slacken
hostilities. It comes after the four
ringing declarations of Sonnino, Pok-
rovsky, Briand and Lloyd-George."

The Journal and the Gaulois think
President Wilson was influenced by
fear of intensification of submarine
warfare and considerations of the con-
sequences of toll interruption of sea
traffic if the Germans should carry out
the project they are reported to have
decided on and send 125 submarines
to American waters. The president
may also have been influenced, these
papers say, by the threat of the cost
of living in the United States.

"Let us consider the president
coolly," says the Gaulois, "and send
him an answer courteous but firm be-
fitting our dignity and our desire to
safeguard the future."

UNITED STATES CAN
NOT BE A MEDIATOR

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The even-
ing edition of the Cologne Volks Zei-
tung, in its comment on the presi-
dent's note says:

"The game was a preconceived one.
America has put its money in Entente
business and therefore America must
try in the interests of its debtors to
obtain the possible conditions so that
they may be able later to fulfill their
financial obligations toward the United
States. For these reasons the
United States is out of the question
as an impartial mediator, not consid-
ering President Wilson, who at every
opportunity has shown by his deeds
his weakness for England, and who
in the present note even goes so far
as to threaten war, which considering
the whole affair can only be directed
against Germany."

GERMANS ARE DIVIDED
ON THE WILSON NOTE

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Berlin press
received President Wilson's note with
varying views, scarcely any papers
looking alike at the proposition. "She
views range from the enthusiastic
welcome accorded the plan by the
Tageblatt to the unexpectedly cynical
quasi acquiescence of the Vossische
Zeitung, with the middle ground repre-
sented by the Lokal Anzeiger, which
prefers to await the answer of the En-
tente powers to the emperor's note
before deciding for or against."

Gorge Bernhard, in the Vossische
Zeitung, views President Wilson's pro-
posal as actuated purely from Ameri-
can selfish motives. America, he says,
finds itself in the position of having
passed the heyday point in its financial
operations with the Entente, and now
wants peace and the co-operation of
England in preparing for what it
alludes to as the inevitable Japanese
trouble.

The Zeitung declares also that
President Wilson need not deceive
himself into thinking that he can lay
down any precepts for the conference.

OIL DEAL

Is Made at Mannington Involving
an Expenditure of Half
a Million Dollars.

A half million dollar oil deal was
consummated Friday in Fairmont
when Winfield T. Smith and others,
of Mannington, sold their Dent's run
holdings to W. W. Hepburn, of Phila-
delphia.

The 130 acres of the Smith lease
brought the price of \$500,000. There
are several producing wells on the
land, one of which proved to be a big
flowing Thursday.

Another large holder in the Man-
nington district was offered a half
million dollars for his possessions a
few days ago.

The purchaser of the Dent's run
holdings is understood to be a repre-
sentative of the Standard Oil Company
although this fact was not given out by
the men who sold the oil. They say
they know very little about Hepburn
except that he is a Quaker City oil
dealer.

Mr. Smith and his partners have
been operating their wells by the firm
name of Heckman, Hoffman and Com-
pany, of Mannington. Mr. Smith is
secretary-treasurer, H. D. Heckman is
manager, while Lawrence and T. L.
Hoffman are large stockholders.

It is rumored that more great sales
will be made within the next few days.

REACH SAFETY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ameri-
cans and other foreigners who fled
from Teyran a few days ago under
the leadership of Thomas O'Hea,
British consular representative there,
have reached what is regarded as a
zone of safety in Mexico, according
to advices today to the state depart-
ment.

SERVICES AS USUAL.

Services will be held as usual at the
Pride African Methodist Episcopal
church Sunday with the pastor preach-
ing. The morning subject will be:
"The Birth of Christ." The Sunday
school will have a Christmas enter-
tainment at 8 o'clock Monday night.

TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY.

Banks, barber shops, newspaper
offices and most other business places
will be closed Monday in celebration of
Christmas day. The postoffice will
observe the usual holiday hours.

TWO GIRLS LIVE THREE
MONTHS ON PEANUTS

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 23.—Two
girls, students at the University of Cal-
ifornia, have concluded an experiment
which consisted in living entirely on
peanuts. For three months they ate
nothing else but these nuts. The pean-
uts cost fifteen cents a day.

U. S. IMPORTS MORE HIDES
THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United
States is the world's greatest im-
porter of hides and skins despite the
fact that it raises more cattle than
any other nation except India.

MORE SAILORS
NOW SHIPPING

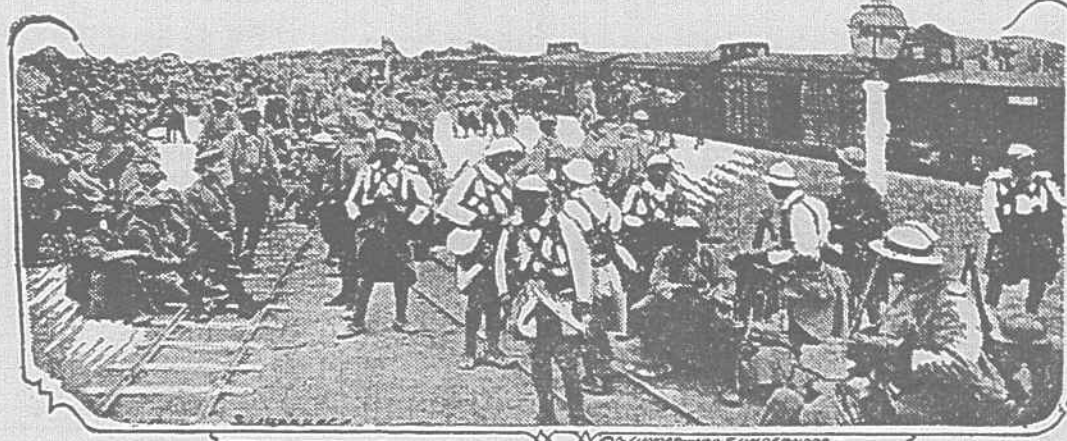
To Foreign Ports as Result of
Better Wages and Im-
proved Sea Conditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There are
approximately two and one-half times
as many American sailors now ship-
ping for foreign ports than at any time
previous to the war, according to Dr.
George S. Webster, secretary of the
American Seamen's Friend Society. He
attributes this increase partly to the
increased wages being given seamen
and partly to the improved conditions
under which they are working.

Dr. Webster says, "The last three
years have marked an almost unbe-
lievable increase in the number of
Americans who are shipping as sail-
ors. At our sailors' home on the North
river water front, the men we had pre-
viously cared for were almost entirely
British, Swedish and German. If an
American-born sailor should have
mingled in with this company, he
would have been more or less con-
spicuous. Today we frequently lodge
American sailors and they are practi-
cally all men who had not seen service
in the merchant marine prior to the
outbreak of the war. It is a very fair
estimate to say that fully two and one-
half times as many Americans are now
seafaring men as prior to the war. We
can no longer say that the American
is a land-lubber."

"We venture to predict that the Ameri-
can Seamen's Friend Society that the
proportion of the American-born sail-
ors to those of other nationalities will
immensely increase after the war. In
case there is a slight lull in indus-
trial activity, the seafaring life will
doubtless be of attraction to many
who have not heretofore considered it."

FRENCH AFRICAN TROOPS REST AFTER VICTORY AT DOUAUMONT



This photograph was taken after the French African fighters were on route to the Riviera to enjoy a rest after the battle of Douaumont, in which they creditably acquitted themselves. Although victorious the black men lost heavily in the fight. Note the size of these fighters in comparison with the white man standing in the foreground toward the left. The Africans are commanded entirely by white officers.

HOLIDAY

Rule Will Prevail among Rail-
way Men of the Baltimore
and Ohio System.

Announcement is made that the
usual holiday conditions will prevail
on the Baltimore and Ohio, Monday,
on account of Christmas. It has
been the custom for a number of
years to eliminate all the trains pos-
sible on such holidays and it will be
followed out again this year, with
the result that none of the way or
local freight trains will be run.

Only the passenger and such other
trains as are necessary will be op-
erated Monday, thus giving the train-
men an opportunity to spend Christ-
mas at home. It was also reported
that the freight offices and ware-
houses at the various stations along
the road would be closed Monday af-
ter ten o'clock. They will be kept
open for a few hours in the morning
solely for the purpose of delivering
perishable freight which may come
in during the night before and that
morning.

It is expected that most of the of-
fices of the Baltimore and Ohio here
will be closed for at least a portion of
the day. In order to get up with
their work, some of the men may
work for a part of the day, but the
indications last night were that most
of the employees would be off for
most of the day and the rest for at
least a half holiday.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John D.
Rockefeller's Christmas presents to
each of the employees on his Tarry-
town estate is a ten dollar gold piece
enclosed in a case on which is printed
"The season's greetings from John
D. Rockefeller."

REV. ALLSUP CALLED AWAY.

The Rev. Herbert Justin Allsup,
pastor of the Central Presbyterian
church announced late evening that
he will be unable to conduct services
at the church Sunday as he has been
suddenly called out of the city.

MISS JOHNSON DEAD

Popular Young School Teacher
Passes On Following a
Lingering Illness.

Funeral services over the body of
Miss Florence Teresa Johnson, a
popular school teacher, who died at
8:15 o'clock Friday night following a
lingering illness of a complication
of ailments will be held at 3 o'clock
Sunday afternoon at the Johnson
home at Wilsonburg. The Rev. W.
L. Hueser, pastor of the St. Mark's
Lutheran church, of which the de-
ceased girl was a member will con-
duct the services and the burial will
be in the Masonic cemetery.

The deceased woman is survived
by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August
Johnson, of Wilsonburg; Bernard,
Earle, and Howard Johnson, all liv-
ing at home; brothers, Mrs. Gordon
Burr, of Clarksburg; Misses Vivian
and Mildred Johnson at home, sis-
ters.

Miss Johnson taught at the Chief-
tain school this fall and was a favor-
ite with all her pupils and those inter-
ested in the school work.

DAY NURSERY FUND.

The day nursery fund has
been increased \$10. It stands
as follows:
Previously reported ...\$ 96.50
Miss Augusta Taylor's Bible
class 5.00
Mrs. Olandus West 5.00
Total\$106.50

CHRISTMAS LIQUOR

Demand from Four "Dry"
States Swamp the Express
Companies in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Christ-
mas demands for liquors of various
kinds for the "dry" states of Vir-
ginia and West Virginia and the Car-
olinas has swamped the express com-
panies from this city, which serves
these sections. Two of the companies
imposed an embargo on liquor ship-
ments at noon yesterday until 9 a. m.
today with a view to relieving the
congestion.

Express company officials say that
for the last week they have been re-
ceiving and handling an average of
35,000 to 40,000 packages of liquor
daily. The packages vary in size
from a quart to several gallons.

CHARTERS

Are Granted by the Secretary
of State to Two New
Business Concerns.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—With cap-
ital of \$250,000, the Collis Products
Company, of Clinton, Ia., has been
given a charter by the secretary of
state. It will have its operations in
St. Paul, Minn., and will manufacture
food products. Incorporators are H.
H. Costello, F. D. Rock, H. C.
Humphreys, L. A. Forsee and Harry H.
Merrick, all of Chicago.

The Scott Run Coal Company, of
Morgantown, to operate in Cass dis-
trict, Monongalia county, also obtained
a certificate of incorporation. It has
capital of \$25,000. Incorporators are
B. M. Chaplin, F. C. Shriver, S. M.
Price, L. R. Shriver, E. M. Eversley and
C. I. Lantz, all of Morgantown.

FINE POSITION

Given Bernard Wilson, Former
Hotel Man of This City,
in Columbus, O.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Hall received
word Saturday morning from Colum-
bus, O., that Bernard Wilson, their
son-in-law, had been made manager
of the Deshler hotel, of that city. The
Deshler is one of the largest hotels in
the middle West and Mr. Wilson's
many local friends will be glad to hear
of his good luck.

Mr. Wilson was formerly connected
with the Waldo and Gore hotels here.
When he left Clarksburg he went to
Wheeling, where he was employed at
the Windsor hotel until last November,
when the Deshler was opened at Colum-
bus and he became assistant man-
ager of that hotel. The former man-
ager, who was a former New York
hotel man, was removed from his po-
sition by the proprietors of the hotel
Friday and Mr. Wilson was given the
position.

OIL ADVANCES.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 23
Another advance of ten cents a bar-
rel in crude oil was posted here to-
day by the Prairie Oil and Gas Com-
pany.

GRADING SIDETRACK.

Keeley Brothers are grading a side-
track for the Taylor Cellophane Com-
pany at Hepzibah. The company will de-
velop the Lowndes coal field.

ONE DEAD

As Result of Free for All Fight
at a Colored Dance at
Sutton.

William Lacy, aged 25 years, a well
known colored resident of Sutton, died
at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in a
local hospital from a gunshot wound
he received Wednesday night in a free
for all fight at a colored dance hall.
Lacy's body was prepared for burial
and taken to his home at Sutton Sat-
urday.

From what can be learned of the
affair it is alleged that Lacy and
another colored man had an argu-
ment over a colored girl and Lacy
stabbed the other man. With the
knife sticking in his side and
blood flowing freely from the wound
he pulled a revolver from his pocket
and shot Lacy through the abdomen.
Suffering from the gunshot wound
but never daunted Lacy left the dance
hall and secured a large club and came
back into the hall and almost beat the
other colored man to death before he
fell to the floor exhausted from the
loss of blood from the gunshot wound
in his abdomen.

Lacy was brought to a local hospital
where he died at the time stated above.
The other colored man had not been
arrested Friday morning, but it is
thought that he will be arrested now
since Lacy died from the effects of
the gunshot wound.

Lacy was a son of Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph Lacy, of Sutton.

ROBINSON, NOT SWIGER.

Henry C. Robinson is to be the of-
fice clerk of the next county assessor.
An error in reporting the proceed-
ings of the county court made the
name read Henry C. Swiger.

BAD WEATHER.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Bad weather
along the Macedonian front on De-
cember 22 prevented any military op-
erations, according to the official
statement given out today.

INSTITUTE PLANS
NOW UNDER WAY

MAGNIFICENT

Jewel is Now Possessed by A.
M. T. Cunningham, Past Po-
tentate of Shriners.

A. M. T. Cunningham is the proud
possessor of a magnificent officer's
jewel, which was presented to him as
a past potentate at the meeting of
Memphis temple of the Nobles of the
Mystic Shrine this week at Parkers-
burg. It is an elaborate and costly
thing with big tiger claws, a huge
moonstone and a diamond all set in
bronzed gold.

Mr. Cunningham was elected a dele-
gate to represent the temple at the
next international council, to be held in
Minneapolis, Minn.

WANTS RATE RAISED.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—Evidence
was presented to the public service
commission Friday in the matter of
the Monongahela Valley Traction
Company, which asks permission to
increase rates charged for gas in
Wyatt, Harrison county. The com-
pany recently purchased the plant of
the Wyatt Gas Company.

TO HOLD SERVICES.

The Rev. J. F. Carter, arch deacon
of the diocese of the Protestant Epis-
copal church of West Virginia, will
hold services at 11 o'clock Sunday
morning in Christ Episcopal church,
corner West Main and Sixth streets.
There will be no evening service.
Every one is cordially invited to at-
tend.

TORREON TAKEN

By General Francisco Villa's
Forces According to the Re-
ports Reaching El Paso.

EL PASO, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed
reports that Torreón had been cap-
tured by Francisco Villa's forces were
forwarded to Washington by govern-
ment agents today.

The report said the fighting started
early Friday and continued until 1
o'clock in the afternoon when the
city capitulated.

Santa Rosalia, seventy-five miles
southeast of Chihuahua City, was
captured December 12 by villa
forces, according to a message re-
ceived today by an El Paso man who
owns property in Santa Rosalia.
Three hundred Carranza soldiers who
had entrained there to go to Chihua-
hua were captured and nearly
all, including their commander, were
executed.

LONG TERM

In Prison is Ended When Re-
moval of House for a Road
is Begun.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Christian
Liberum, an aged resident of McKees-
port, Pa., was released from jail here
today after serving almost three
years for contempt of court. Liberum's
house stood on ground which the
court authorities decided should
have been occupied by a road, and he
was ordered by Judge Joseph M.
Swardner to move it. Liberum re-
fused on the ground that to do so
would "violate his conscience" and
he was sent to jail for contempt. Ev-
ery effort to secure his release failed
until recently it was decided to have
the county move the house. The work
was commenced today and Liberum
was released a few minutes later.

PROPOSES TO BAR LOVE
IN BIRMINGHAM FILMS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—
When Arlie Barber was elected to the
city commission here on the Socia-
list ticket, he declared for Sunday
moving picture shows. Now he has
introduced an ordinance which reads,
in part:
"Pictures depicting the following
scenes shall also be barred: Love,
murder, domestic troubles, divorces,
gambling houses, resorts of question-
able character, bar scenes and riots."
Movie proprietors declare they
will have to go out of business if the
suggestion is made a law.

BROWN EGGS STAND MORE
PRESSURE THAN THE WHITE

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 23.—H. G.
Herrasti, of Westerly, conducted some
experiments to determine how much
pressure a hen's egg would stand. The
force was applied through the long
axis of the egg and it was found that
brown eggs broke at an average pres-
sure of 155 pounds and white eggs at a
pressure of 112.5.

INSTITUTE PLANS
NOW UNDER WAY

International Lawyers Will Hold
Second Annual Meeting in
City of Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Plans for
the second annual meeting of the
American Institute of International
Law, comprising five delegates from
each of the national societies of the
twenty-one American states, to be held
in Havana beginning January 22, are
well under way. A very surprising
feature in importance even that of last year is
anticipated. Dr. James Brown Scott,
president of the institute, and Dr.
Alejandro Alvarez, of Chile, secretary-
general, who is now in Washington,
are working on the program, which is
expected to be announced shortly.

The meeting is to be held in Havana
at the invitation of the Cuban govern-
ment, which has planned the appropri-
ation of 10,000 pesos for its expense.
Many sources of entertainment have
already been arranged, such as a gala
day at the race track and the opera,
a trip out through the country, and an
excursion to Matanzas. The morning
sessions of the conference are to be
held in the Academy of Sciences, the
afternoon at the university, while the
evenings are to be given over to social
events.

At the first meeting, which was held
in Washington last year in conjunc-
tion with the Pan-American conven-
tion, the very important pronounce-
ment as to the rights and duties of
nations was drawn up which received
widespread notice at the time. This
provided in the main that states,
whether large or small have the right
of existence and self-defense, so long
as neither intruded on the rights of
other states, that none was entitled to
violate international law and that if
one did it was the moral duty of the
others to protest energetically.

Arbitration Board in Its Award
Applies Adamson Law
Principle.

RAILROADS DISSENTING

Pay is Increased but Not as
Much as is Asked for by
the Switchmen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The eight-
hour day with straight pro rata time
for overtime is granted to the switch-
men's union by the federal arbitration
board in a decision today in the switch-
men's controversy with the railroads.
The award gives an increase of five
cents per hour for both foremen and
helpers.

The switchmen had asked an ad-
vance of ten to twelve cents. They had
demanded also time and a half for
overtime work, instead of the pro rata
basis fixed by the board.

While all six arbitrators signed the
award, J. A. Connors and W. A. Cut-
ler, representing the switchmen, dissented
as to the five cent increase, to the
denial of time and a half for overtime
and to the award giving overtime at
the pro rata rate.
E. P. Potter and T. W. Evans, the
railroad representatives, dissented to
the award of the eight-hour day.
"This decision in the switchmen's
controversy with railroads has an im-
portant bearing on the Adamson law,"
it was stated here today by an official
spokesman for the conference com-
mittee of managers for the railroads.
"It does not O. K. the Adamson act in
our opinion. The Adamson legislation
gave the men ten hours pay for eight
hours of work, or an increase of about
twenty-five per cent in wages. The
award today gives the switchmen only
nine hours pay for eight hours of
work, or between thirteen and sixteen
per cent in increased wages. We get
a great deal of satisfaction out of this
award."

MRS. DRUMMOND

Seriously Injured When She Fell in
Her Room at Her Son's Home.

Mrs. E. M. Drummond, aged 55
years, is seriously ill at the home of
her son, H. C. Barlett, at Stealey
Heights, as a result of a fall she re-
ceived at 5 o'clock Saturday morning
in her room at the Barlett home.
Mrs. Drummond woke up at 5 o'clock
and got up and while walking around
in her she became dizzy and fell. Her
right arm is badly sprained and on
account of her advanced age the in-
jury and shock received from the fall
has caused her relatives much worry.

CHLOROFORM

Used by Thieves on Hogs to
Prevent the Animals from
Squealing.

WEST UNION, Dec. 23.—Edward
Boelschner, a farmer living near here,
has been puzzled for several months
because of the mysterious theft of his
hogs from his pens at night. Three
times the pens have been raided, with
never so much as a squeal.
But now Boelschner knows. Eight
hogs vanished overnight while a hired
man slept in a nearby barn. But the
thieves left two chloroform bottles be-
hind them. They had given the hogs
the anesthetic and carried the limp
bodies to a wagon.

ANSWER ABOUT READY.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Allies' an-
swer to Germany's peace proposal is
almost finished, according to the
Petit Parisien. The paper says it is
a rather long document and forth-
rightly declares that the grievances of
the Allies and the crushing responsi-
bilities of the Central powers.

PECK TO PREACH.

The Rev. M. E. Peck, farmer, pastor
and presiding elder of the Methodist
Episcopal church, South, and now an
evangelist of that denomination, will
preach at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening
in the Duff Street United Brethren
church of Stealey Heights. All are
invited to hear him.

WOMAN IN JAIL.

In default of paying a fine of \$5.00
for loitering in the street, Edna John-
son was a prisoner in the city jail
Saturday. She was arrested late Fri-
day night by Officer Shahan.

RURAL CARRIERS TAXED
WITH VERY HEAVY LOADS.

While the city carriers and
clerks have been affected by the
great rush of Christmas busi-
ness at the postoffice and are
going night and day to deliver
the many Christmas packages,
the rural carriers are also hav-
ing their burdens. Every rural
carrier leaving the office this
morning, several of whom are
covering routes twenty-four
miles in length had their ves-
sels loaded to the limit and
in several instances it was ne-
cessary to make the second trip.